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1. THE EC COUNCIL ON SEPTEMBER 20 "TOOK NOTE" THAT THE COMMISSION EXPECTS TO RECEIVE, AND INTENDS TO REPLY FAVORABLY TO, AN INVITATION TO TAKE PART IN THE INFCE ORGANIZING CONFERENCE. ROLF MOEHLER, CHEF DE CABINET FOR COMMISSIONER BRUNNER, EXPLAINED TO MISSION OFFICER THAT, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 101 OF THE EURATOM TREATY, THERE IS NO LEGAL REQUIREMENT TO OBTAIN COUNCIL APPROVAL OF COMMISSION PARTICIPATION IN INFCE. IT WAS BROUGHT TO THE COUNCIL'S ATTENTION BECAUSE OF MEMBER COUNTRY INTEREST. THE COUNCIL ACTION, IN EFFECT, ACKNOWLEDGED THE LEGITIMACY OF COMMISSION PARTICIPATION AND OFFERED NO OBJECTION.

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2. INFORMAL ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF ORIGINAL FRENCH TEXT OF INTERNAL COUNCIL NOTE HAS BEEN FURNISHED TO MISSION AND IS AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN QUOTE. THE COUNCIL NOTES THAT THE COMMISSION EXPECTS TO RECEIVE, AND INTENDS TO REPLY FAVORABLY TO, AN INVITATION TO TAKE PART IN THE INFCE ORGANIZING CONFERENCE. CONSULTATION BETWEEN MEMBER STATES AND THE COMMISSION WILL BE HELD WHENEVER NECESSARY. IF THE EVOLUU

TION OF THE PROGRAM SO WARRANTS, THE COUNCIL AND THE COMMISSION WILL CONSIDER THE MATTER. END QUOTE. MOEHLER EXPLAINED THAT THE INTENT OF THE PHRASE "EVOLUTION OF THE PROGRAM SO WARRANTS," IS TO COVER THE EVENTUALITY THAT THE INFCE MAY EVOLVE FROM A TECHNICAL EVALUATION INTO POLITICAL COMMITMENTS. IF AND WHEN THIS OCCURS, THE COMMISSION WOULD GO BACK TO COUNCIL FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS. 3. MOEHLER SAID THAT AN INITIAL RESERVATION BY THE FRENCH ON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE COMMISSION SHOULD BE A "PARTICIPANT" OR AN "OBSERVER" HAS BEEN REMOVED IN FAVOR OF COMMISSION PARTICIPATION.

4. MOEHLER ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT THE FACT THAT THE COUNCIL NOTE MENTIONS ONLY THE ORGANIZING CONFERENCE IS NOT INTENDED TO MEAN THAT ATTENDING JUST THAT CONFERENCE WOULD BE THE FULL EXTENT OF COMMISSION PARTICIPATION.

5. ON SEPTEMBER 21, COMMISSIONER BRUNNER CALLED AMBASSADOR HINTON TO RELAY THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED COUNCIL ACTION AND TO REQUEST US INVITATION FOR COMMISSION PARTICIPATION IN INFCE. MISSION REQUESTS AUTHORITY TO EXTEND INVITATION TO COMMISSION TO PARTICIPATE IN ORGANIZING CONFERENCE, DRAWING UPON REFTELS A AND B. HINTON

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